

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William P. McMullin et al. Art Unit : 2614
Serial No. : 10/766,950 Examiner : Tran, Quoc Duc
Filed : January 30, 2004 Confirmation No.: 2494
Notice of Allowance Date: 08/25/06
Title : EXTERNAL DETECTION OF OPTIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES ON AN UNKNOWN TELEPHONE LINE

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

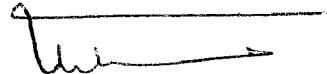
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing this application. In reviewing the Notice of Allowability, Applicants note that the Examiner has set forth reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance indicate that the prior art fails to teach the features recited in independent claim 1. Applicants agree with this assertion; however, Applicants respectfully assert that there are other independent claims having different scope than that of claim 1, and they are believed to be allowable on their own merits.

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 25, 2006, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. The fee in the amount of \$1400 for the Issue Fee is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

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